

World War I Guide Now Available Online for Delaware Public Archives

The Delaware Public Archives (DPA) is commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the beginning of World War I by offering a new reference guide to resources that can be found at the Archives relating to the “war to end all wars.” Director of the Delaware Public Archives and State Archivist, Stephen Marz, states that “with the interest that will surround the 100th anniversary of the war, we felt that people would be searching for materials, especially primary sources, that will provide some insight into the conflict. The Archives created the guide to meet the needs of these researchers and other patrons who may have an interest in the conflict.”

Developed by Archives staff member Katie Hall, the World War I Guide is available online at <http://archives.delaware.gov/collections/collections.shtml> and in the Archives’ Research Room. Collections at the Delaware Public Archives that contain World War I materials include Governors Papers, Pamphlets, Military Records, and U.S. Department of Agriculture Extension Service Reports. Among the records preserved are military records, photographs, newspapers, scrapbooks, and correspondence from Delawareans serving in the war. Hall notes that “researchers who are looking for Delawareans who served, such as a grandparent or great-grandparent, may want to start with the World War I Army Service Record Cards, National Guard Enlistment Papers, or the Inductee Record Books. We expect that a number of researchers will be coming to the Archives to look for their ancestors who served in the War during this anniversary period.”

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For information about the Delaware Public Archives, please visit the website at <http://archives.delaware.gov>. You can also become a follower of the Archives Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/DelawarePublicArchives>) and read the Archives blog (<http://archives.blogs.delaware.gov/>) to learn more about events and other items of interest at the Archives.

The Delaware Public Archives is located at 121 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard North in Dover. The Mabel Lloyd Ridgely Research Room is open to the public Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. On the second Saturday of every month the Research Room is open from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

The Delaware Public Archives (DPA, archives.delaware.gov), an agency of the State of Delaware, is one of the oldest public archives programs in the United States. DPA serves the citizens of Delaware by identifying, collecting, and preserving public records of enduring historical and evidential value; ensuring access to public records for present and future generations; and advising and educating interested parties in the creation, management, use, and preservation of public records.